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FM AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7574
INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN
AMCONSUL DURBAN
AMEMBASSY GABORONE
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO
AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, SF
SUBJECT: FORMER SSRC LEADER DETAINED

1. JOHANNESBURG SUNDAY EXPRESS REPORTED POLICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF DETENTION OF FORMER SOWETO STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN TROFOMO SONO. SONO WAS ALLEGEDLY DETAINED IN AN
INCIDENT WITH A POLICE PATROL IN THE EASTERN TRANSVAAL.

2. COMMENT: SONO WAS THE FOURTH CHAIRMAN OF THE SSRC, SUCCESSOR
TO SECHABA MONTISI (PRESENTLY CHARGED UNDER TERRORISM ACT).
SONO HAD A SHORT CAREER AS CHAIRMAN, INCLUDING A SHOOTING INCIDENT
WITH UNIDENTIFIED PURSUERS WHICH RESULTED IN AN ARM WOUND.
HE SHORTLY THEREAFTER FLED TO BOTSWANA AND PARTS UNKNOWN. THE
POLICE REPORT INDICATES THAT HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF ARMS AND
EXPLOSIVES WHEN DETAINED, ALONG WITH OTHER EVIDENCE LINKING
HIM TO THE ANC. IT WOULD SEEM LIKELY THAT WHEN IN BOTSWANA,
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SONO JOINED EXTERNAL ANC FORCES AND WAS PROBABLY TRANSPORTED VIA
ZAMBIA TO TANZANIA AND BACK INTO MOZAMBIQUE, WHERE HE
SUBSEQUENTLY TRIED TO INFILTRATE INTO SOUTH AFRICA.
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